

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for supporting a website comprising:
an IP device located on a public network, having a public IP address and known port number; and
a second device located outside the public network;
wherein a connection exists between [[said]] the second device and ~~said first~~ the IP device,
which connection is initiated by [[said]] the second device.

2. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 1 wherein ~~said first~~ the IP device
cannot initiate a connection with [[said]] the second device because [[said]] the second device is not
configured to accept communications initiated by other devices.

3. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 1 wherein [[said]] the second device
is located on a private IP network with a private IP address.

4. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 3 wherein the communication
protocol between ~~said first~~ the IP device and [[said]] the second device is TCP/IP or application
level protocol based on TCP/IP.

5. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 1 wherein the communication
between ~~said first~~ the IP device and [[said]] the second device is encrypted.

6. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 1 wherein [[said]] the second device
comprises a memory storing information for publication or private source data.

7. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 1 further comprising a third device connected to [[said]] the second device through a private network, [[said]] the third device comprising a memory storing information for publication or private source data.

8. (Currently Amended) A system for supporting a website comprising:
an IP device located on a public network, having a public IP address and known port number;

a second device located on a private network having a responder function with a private IP address and port number; and

a third device having a memory[[,]] storing information for publication or private source data, located on [[said]] the private network in communication with the second device;

wherein a single connection exists between [[said]] the second device and said first the IP device, which connection is initiated by [[said]] the second device and wherein said first the IP device cannot initiate a connection with [[said]] the second device by virtue of said second devices the private and dynamic IP address of the second device, the private IP address being dynamic.

9. (Currently Amended) A method for increasing security for sensitive information or source data contained in a memory which is used to respond to inquiries directed to a website by safeguarding [[the]] a responder function, comprising:

providing on a public network an IP device having a public IP address and known port number, [[said]] the IP device having an application that corresponds to [[the]] a listening function of a website;

providing an application corresponding to [[the]] a responder function of a website, wherein [[it]] the responder application is isolated from the [[said]] IP device;

the responder application registering itself with the listener listening application and subscribing to receive incoming requests by initiating a communication channel to the listener listening application as a communication client;

the listener listening application receiving a request from a remote application[[],] and sending incoming requests only to the registered responders responder application; processing the incoming requests by the responder application; and returning results to the remote application via the listener listening application.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for increasing security for sensitive information or source data contained in a memory which is used to respond to inquiries directed to a website by allowing them to be placed in a private network along with [[the]] a responder function[[;]], comprising:

providing on a public network an IP device having a public IP address and known port number, [[said]] the IP device having an application that corresponds to [[the]] a listening function of a website;

providing on a private network [[an]] a second IP device having a private IP address, [[said]] the second IP device having an application corresponding to [[the]] a responder function of a website;

the responder application initiating an outgoing TCP connection to the listener listening application as a communication client and register itself registering to receive incoming requests;

[[said listener]] the listening application receiving a request from a remote application[[],] and sending incoming requests to the [[said]] responder application;

processing the incoming requests by the responder application by optionally accessing the source data[[],]; and

returning results to the remote application via the listener listening application.

11. (Currently Amended) A method for increasing security for sensitive information which is used to respond to inquiries directed to a website, comprising:

providing on a private network an IP device having a dynamic IP address and port number, [[said]] the IP device having an application corresponding to [[the]] a responder function of a website;

providing on a public network a second IP device having a public IP address and known port number, [[said]] the second IP device having an application that corresponds to [[the]] a listening function of a website;

causing the responder application in said first the IP device to establish a connection with [[said]] the listening application in [[said]] the second IP device, [[said]] communication including the IP address for said first the IP device and a port number for [[said]] the responder application;

receiving communications at [[said]] the second IP device from other IP devices located on [[said]] the public network or from devices located on private networks in communication with [[said]] the public network;

transmitting requests for application information relating to [[said]] inquiries from [[said]] the listening application to said responding the responder application over [[said]] the connection established by said responding said the responder application;

processing [[said request]] the requests for information by [[said]] the responder application; [[and]]

providing a response from [[said]] the responder application to [[said]] the listening application over [[said]] the connection established by [[said]] the responder application; and

transmitting from [[said]] the listening application to [[said]] the other IP [device] devices information relating to said request the requests.

In the Drawings:

Formal drawings are attached to replace the originally filed informal drawings.

Attachment: Replacement sheets